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1. THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION WAS ISSUED BY THE FRG IN THE NAME OF THE EC ON JULY 18 (INFORMAL TRANSLATION):
2. BEGIN TEXT. "FOLLOWING THE SENTENCING OF PROFESSOR ORLOV IN MAY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP CONCERN THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE BEING SENTENCED BECAUSE THEY DEMANDED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THESE GOVERNMENTS NOW WISH TO UNDERLINE ONCE AGAIN THEIR STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE CSCE PROCESS IS ENDANGERED WHEN CERTAIN STATES IMPLEMENT THE FINAL ACT ONLY IN LIMITED AREAS.

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3. AS SIGNATORIES TO THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE ARE JUSTIFIED IN EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN OVER THE OPPRESSIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN INCREASINGLY BY THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME OTHER STATES AGAINST CITIZENS WHO MAKE USE OF THEIR RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND CONSCIENCE.

4. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM, IT IS CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE, THAT IN A SERIES OF RECENT CASES IN THE SOVIET UNION INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT.

5. IN BELGRADE, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE NINE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THEY NOTE THAT THE PARTICIPATING STATES' OF THE CSCE COMMITTED THEMSELVES IN THE FINAL ACT AT HELSINKI TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC FREEDOMS AND THAT THESE STATES CONFIRMED THE RIGHT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA. THEREFORE, THE NINE REGRET THE RENEWED REPRESSIVE MEASURES OF THE SOVIET UNION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ONLY ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS. THESE MEASURES CONTRADICT THE FINAL ACT AND ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH DETENTE. THEY DISREGARD THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED INTENTIONS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES OF THE CSCE." END TEXT.
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